

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1049

Introduced by Assembly Member Aanestad

February 25, 1999

An act to add Section 10123.135 to the Insurance Code, relating to health insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1049, as introduced, Aanestad. Health insurance: disability insurers.

Existing law provides for the regulation of disability insurers by the Insurance Commissioner.

This bill would require every disability insurer that covers hospital, medical, or surgical expenses and that reviews and approves the medical necessity or appropriateness of requests by providers prior to, or concurrently with, the provision of health care services to insureds, to prominently indicate on each insured's identification card whether a separate telephone number must be called to verify eligibility for benefits and coverage.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10123.135 is added to the
2 Insurance Code, to read:
3 10123.135. Every disability insurer that covers
4 hospital, medical, or surgical expenses and that reviews

1 and approves the medical necessity or appropriateness of
2 requests by providers prior to, or concurrently with, the
3 provision of health care services to insureds, shall
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